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**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
OF AUSTRALIA  
*where love comes to life*

Welcome to Immanuel Lutheran Church  
Sunday 9th October 2022  
A living, growing faith

**Scripture**

Luke 17:11–19

**Reflection**

In our house, we have a rule. When dinner is over, everyone who ate should stick around and help clean up. That's how we show gratitude to the cook. It's amazing, then, how many nights the cook can identify with Jesus' question in today's story of the healing of the ten lepers. In our family, it translates to 'Were not all seven fed? Where are the other six??'. Yes, despite the rule and without us noticing, children seem to slip away and must be retrieved from all over the house to wash, dry and put away the mess of the day. The very act of coming back shows gratitude, especially if they do it without being forced (we're still working on that!).

The leper who returned to give thanks after receiving miraculous healing from Jesus was an outsider on not one but two counts. Firstly, he was from Samaria. According to the Jews, he was not included in God's family. Secondly, he had an illness that resulted in complete social rejection. So, he really did know about life on the edge of society, and his gratitude is correspondingly heartfelt.

Over and over, Jesus specialises in going to the margins, to the outsider and drawing them in, including them, making them whole. In response, those who have been healed of much, forgiven much and loved much respond with great gratitude. I, too, was an outsider before Jesus came to me. Perhaps I still feel on the edge, rejected by others, invisible, unlovely in my own – or others' – eyes. I am exactly the one he comes to touch and heal and love. He is not afraid of my wounds, sins, and shame. He embraces me, makes me whole and delights in my grateful response. My gratitude is a gift to him and a witness to the world of just how much he has done for me. I truly am a recipient of amazing grace!

by Sonia Hulme

**Prayer**

**Before you came along, I, too, was an outsider in your kingdom. Help me look with eyes of compassion on those who are still lingering on the edge of your love. Let my gratitude show itself in my love for those who are unwelcome because they are different. Amen.**



**WE PRAY**  
**9th October 2022**

**Dear Lord, we pray:**

- † Pray for Merv and family at this time when God has taken his brother to be with His Angels in Eternal Glory. Philip Klemm died peacefully at the RAH on Wednesday afternoon.
- † Your love and comfort would be felt by the family and friends of Jason Wandel as they gather on Tuesday to say farewell. Despite their grief, lead them to remember his faith, and the outpouring of your grace and mercy in his life.
- † Your peace and hope would be felt throughout the state of Florida. Bring comfort to those grieving loss of life, property, and livelihood. Protect those endeavouring to provide aid.
- † Our praise and gratitude for your protection over, and work throughout, the three one-day SPARK programs delivered to incarcerated girls and boys at Kurlana Tapa Youth Justice Centre on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday this week. Continue to move throughout the entire centre, but especially in the hearts of all residents who participated, and all staff who assisted or supervised.
- † Our gratitude for those you have inspired to stand for local government positions. Guide those who vote and bless and protect those who are elected.
- † Your wisdom and guidance over the ILC Nominations Team as they commence their task of filling several critical positions. Move your Spirit within ILC members to challenge us to serve you, the congregation, and our communities in new ways.

**Guide us, Lord, as we pray for:**

- † The leaders you have appointed over our country: Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, State Premier Peter Malinauskas, and all our local government leaders.
- † The leaders you have appointed over the LCA/NZ, churchwide (LCA Bishop Paul Smith, Assistant Bishop Neville Otto, and the College of Bishops), and locally (District Bishop, David Altus, and Assistant Bishop for Mission, Stephen Schultz).
- † The Pastoral Care Workers you have called to serve in our region. In particular, we pray for Denys Chew at Marion Primary School. We praise you for the new things that Denys is doing in the school. We pray for Denys as she supports the students, staff, and families.
- † The pastors and parishes, principals, and schools of the LCA in our South West Metro zone. This week we pray for Warradale Lutheran Church, and Pastor Tim Klein and family.
- † The teachers, staff, students, and families of Immanuel Primary School and Immanuel College and their Principals Bec Clements and Kevin Richardson.
- † The chaplains you have called to serve the armed forces, hospitals, Police, prisons, and universities in the SA/NT District, and their coordinator, Heidi Smith.
- † The sick, the frail and the distressed in our congregation. We pray for Avis R, Barb K, Keith P, Margaret F and their families and carers.



## This Sunday's Worship with HC will be lead by Pastor Greg (9th October originally advertised as a Reading Service)

A funeral to commemorate the life and faith of past ILC member, Jason Wandel, will be held at **10:30am on Tuesday 11th October**, in the Immanuel Chapel.

### CHATLINE

We hope to run a feature column called 'Remembering the Queen' as a tribute to the late queen Elizabeth II. We'd value your brief recollections - 2-3 lines only - as part of this article and I'd really appreciate you emailing them to me at [vjvolk@bigpond.net.au](mailto:vjvolk@bigpond.net.au) as soon as possible.

**Also time for Chapel Chat items - family or personal news - will be needed for the November issue.**

### SA POLICE BAND CONCERT-Sunday 23 October 2:00pm

The Corner Uniting Church, 93 Oaklands Road Warradale. Tickets at the door \$15 adults \$5 children, refreshments included, trading table. All proceeds go to our School Chaplains supporting Brighton, Glenelg and Marion school communities.

### ST PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-27 to 29 October

Quilt Exhibition celebrating 25 years of Glenelg Quilters at St Paul's LC Brighton Road, Glenelg on Thursday 27th October & Friday 28th 10am—4pm, Saturday 29th 10am—3pm Entry \$2, morning or afternoon tea \$5, trading table & raffle with proceeds going to **St Paul's Community Care.**

Op-Shop and Food Care need : *tinned vegetables / meal sauces / toiletries*

### LCANZ LOCAL MISSION ANNUAL APPEAL

Collect your appeal letter from the Welcoming Desk or your pigeon hole to support Care Ministries, Cross-Cultural Ministry, Grow Ministries, Lutheran Media, New and Renewing Churches.

# SPEAK LORD

CREATIVE WORD FELLOWSHIP

TIME:

**SAT 15**  
OCTOBER 2022

**9:30am**  
to 4:30pm

LOCATION:

**ST MARK'S LUTHERAN  
CHURCH UNDERDALE**  
302 HENLEY BEACH RD, ADELAIDE

## Who am I? Why am I here? Am I good enough? Where to find meaning?

*These are important questions. Often controversial ones as well. The world seems to have run out of good answers. Is there a way how we as Christians can bless our fellow humans with answers rooted in divine wisdom? Most certainly there is.*

Come and join us as we explore how Christians can provide rich and beautiful Scripture based answers to these existential questions.

REGISTER ONLINE:

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL  
[cwfellowship.net/events/speak-lord-2022](http://cwfellowship.net/events/speak-lord-2022)

FREE EVENT

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PLEASE ENJOY THE FULL 'WISDOM 4 RELATIONSHIPS' PROGRAM HERE:  
[wiseberg.com.au/course/wise-relationships](http://wiseberg.com.au/course/wise-relationships)



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### COMING UP

Sunday 9 October	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion-18th Sunday after Pentecost
Thursday 13 October	9:00am	Prayer Group in Prayer Chapel
Sunday 16 October	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion-19th Sunday after Pentecost

### REGULAR ELECTRONIC GIVING (REG)

To use REG, fill and lodge a Direct Debit Request Form (available from the office), giving the LLL authority to transfer a specific amount from your bank account to ILC's REG account.

#### Bank Account Details

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**BSB:** 704942

**Account No:** 25223S1 For donations and offerings from an account at the LLL

**Account No:** 100100643 for donations and offerings from an account with a Bank or Credit Union etc.



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### THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READINGS

2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c

Psalm

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Naaman is cured

Psalm 111

A call to endurance

Jesus heals ten lepers